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TO: PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: KENT VOLKMER, PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REQUEST FOR USE OF RICO FUNDS

DATE: APRIL 9, 2024

The Pinal County Attorney respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors approve an application for payment of up to \$12,500.00 to various law enforcement training organizations including, but not limited to, the Arizona Crime Prevention Association, the Arizona Gang Investigators Association and the Arizona Homicide Investigators Association from the Pinal County Attorney's Office anti-racketeering revolving fund account for tuition assistance to cover the registration fees for Pinal County law enforcement officers and investigators to attend educational conferences in 2024.

In accordance with statutory changes made to A.R.S. 13-2314.03 (County anti-racketeering revolving fund; use of fund), when the County Attorney desires to use monies from the anti-racketeering fund for purposes related to the county attorney's office, the statute requires an application that includes a description of what the requested monies will be used for be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. In turn, the Board of Supervisors shall approve the County Attorney's use of the monies if the purpose is authorized by statute or federal law.

Pursuant to the U.S Department of Justice Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, permissible uses of forfeited assets include "(b) law enforcement training of officers, investigators, prosecutors, and law enforcement support staff personnel in any area that is necessary to perform official law enforcement duties. For example, training and conference registration fees."

In accordance with the Department of Justice Guide, I am submitting this application for the payment of up to \$12,500.00 to various law enforcement training organizations as our office's financial support which permits law enforcement officers and investigators who are employed by agencies within the county, but whose agencies are unwilling or unable to pay the registration fee for their employees, to attend. The education and training these conferences provide are directly related to the functions officers and investigators perform on behalf of the citizens of Pinal County.